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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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In Re Application: **Stefan Tobolka**

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Title: **HEAT SEALING AND CUTTING MECHANISM AND CONTAINER FORMING APPARATUS  
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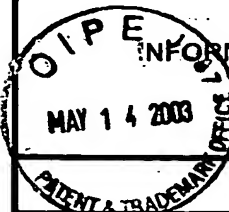
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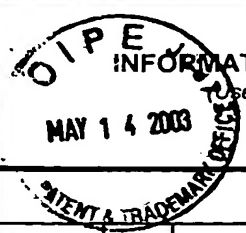
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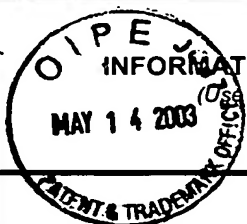
  

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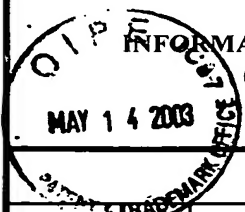
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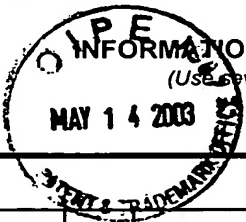
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